

Great Opportunity for Service

Equals the Responsibility That Rests Upon Men Chosen to Build up Nation's Aerial Defenses

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What the public wants to know is how Colonel Squier, as the executive officer of the aviation division of the army, is planning to give the United States a thousand trained aviators in the shortest time possible.

No other branch of the service has received so much attention from the public and press as aeronautics within the last year. The movement to develop our aerial defenses, strengthened by the achievements of aircraft in the war, made the general public realize that it was a shameful thing to have allowed the country of Langley, the Wrights, Curtiss and other pioneers to retrograde to the point where its aeronautical equipment was actually less than the aeronautical equipment of the colonies of other countries. Realizing this, the public and press promptly demanded that steps be taken to organize an air service as substantial as our rank among nations and every consideration of the country's safety demanded.

In view of the fact that the public is so interested in this movement, and that congress, obeying public demand, has allowed the appropriation necessary to carry out the plan to develop a substantial air service, and that there are marvelous resources in this country which a man in Colonel Squier's position can co-ordinate for the benefit of our aerial defenses, this responsibility is at the same time a wonderful opportunity, affording possibilities for distinction and public recognition such as few army officers have ever had.



Study of Military History in Schools Aids Development of National Defense

By JAMES E. CLARK

The free education, which is not only offered to the child, but which the state insists the child shall receive, is provided for the purpose of equipping the individual with knowledge enough to take care of himself, that is, to earn a livelihood to protect himself, to care for the heritage of liberty and all it entails, and to pass on the heritage unimpaired to other generations.

The educational system was supposed to be admirable in its completeness until the outbreak of the European war. That conflict showed dangers of which the civilian had never dreamed. Now it is a truth that nothing has contributed in a greater degree to the neglect of national defenses than widespread ignorance of the military history of our own country.

Our histories, especially the school histories, have misled and misdirected public thought. They have ignored or covered up disagreeable facts because it was thought to be unpatriotic to tell these facts.

In keeping the child (and in consequence the adult) in ignorance of the proper means and requirements for protection from the danger of national aggression or invasion, the educational system of the nation has been badly at fault. Therefore, just as the school prepares the pupil to earn his bread, it is held that the school should also show him how to protect his bread and his means of livelihood and do it at least cost.

As armies go, we have always been a nation without an army of any considerable size, excepting when war came. It is contended that the public-school pupil should know by the incorruptible facts of history, whether this has been the best policy—whether it has prevented war or brought war; whether it has saved lives or wasted lives; whether it has saved money or wasted money.

It is not to be supposed that public-school pupils will be taught the technicalities of military policies. Instead they may properly be shown the fundamental reasons for many great events—such, for instance, as why the United States was compelled to employ 527,654 men during the war of 1812, while the greatest force the British had during any one year of that war was only 16,500; and why, despite this superiority of numbers, the small British army repeatedly defeated our troops with little effort.

Ability and Training, Not Influence, Bring a Man Success in Business Today

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There was a time when influence could not only secure but could sustain a man in a position to which he was not, as a result of ability and training, entitled.

Personally, I believe that day has passed, and that we have reached a period when the only law in business is the survival of the fittest. Personal influence of every character is just as strong and important today as it has ever been in the history of the world, but it cannot do what it formerly did in keeping a man in a position to which he is not by ability entitled.

A man, however, is perfectly justified, if he is confident he can qualify for a position, to use every influence that he can possibly bring to bear in order to secure for himself an opportunity to demonstrate his ability.

Despite High Wages Here Other Nations Surpass the United States in Savings

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It is significant that in the United States, where wages are notoriously high, only 99 people out of each thousand have savings accounts, whereas in Australia there are 300; in England, 302; in Germany, 317; in France, 346; in Belgium, 397, and in Switzerland, 554. It is also significant that in Germany, France, England and Japan the number of depositors is greater than in the United States, and that in Germany the aggregate amount of savings deposits is almost as large as the aggregate in the United States, although Germany's population is only about two-thirds as large as our own.

Banks and insurance companies are performing services that are educational in every sense of the word, and are doing more than a thousand times more than any other agency to reduce poverty.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 5.

SHIPWRECKED AT MELITA (Malta)

LESSON TEXT—Acts 27:26-28:10.
GOLDEN TEXT—Jehovah redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that take refuge in him shall be condemned.—Ps. 124:2.

Paul was at Malta three months, from the last of November to the last of February, A. D. 60. A bay on the north shore is still called St. Paul's bay. Much help on this lesson can be secured by reading Mr. James Smith's book on the "Voyage and Shipwreck of St. Paul," Sir William Ramsey's, "St. Paul, the Traveler," and "Everyday Men," by Robert Elliott Thompson.

I. Paul safely ashore (27:38-44). As the day dawned the ship was lightened for a third time to enable them to approach nearer to the shore. This time the main cargo of wheat was thrown out, heretofore having been saved as long as possible. The sailors were familiar with Malta, but not with this part where the ship now lay. Discovering a small creek, they perceived a certain bay with a beach upon which they might run the ship, and hold it without its going to pieces before they could land. It would have been impossible to escape if they ran upon the rocks in a heavy sea. The words "taken up anchor" (v. 40) indicates that the sailors had cast them overboard, but attached to the ship. Now they cut the cables and permitted themselves not to be anchored but to blow with the storm that they might land upon the beach. Approaching the inlet, where the waters of the bay met that of the sea, "where the two seas met," the vessel would not answer to its helm. The ship probably drew about 18 feet of water, and the bottom stuck in the clinging mud and clay, and the forepart began to break away from the rear, due to the violence of the waves. Here Paul had his most narrow escape (v. 42). Not alone was he on the point of losing his life by the sea, but the sword hung over his head, not that of a lawful executioner, but of a selfish murderer.

Before it was danger from the sailors; now it is the soldiers, but the centurion proved true, and all of the prisoners were saved for Paul's sake. It would be interesting speculation as to how many of those saved realized that they were not for Paul's sake, but for the sake of his Savior, and how many of them were duly grateful. On this second stage of the journey, after having left Caesarea with the larger ship, there were probably 276 persons, by God's guaranty was "there shall be no loss of any man's life," and his word is sure.

II. Paul's continued service (28:1-10). This island is today and has been since 1800 under British rule. It was then governed by the Romans. (1) Comfort (vv. 1, 2). The term "barbarian" does not indicate rudeness or uncivilized people, but merely those of non-Greek birth. These people kindled a fire because of the cold and of the rain. They received everyone, prisoners and soldiers like brothers, and, in the persons of Paul and Luke, they certainly entertained angels unawares. (2) Co-operation (v. 3). The fire would need continual replenishing. Again Paul's energy is conspicuous. Though the greatest of men then living, he was ready to do the humblest duty. Whether counseling about a difficulty or comforting under dangers, he was ready to relieve distress at all times, and thus held up the banner of the cross and proved his Christian spirit.

As Paul gathered the roots and put them upon the fire there came out a viper, probably benumbed by the cold, which fastened itself upon his hand. There are now no venomous serpents in Malta, but this is no reason to believe that in the earlier days, when sparsely inhabited, this common European serpent, known as the viper, or possibly the Egyptian asp, may not have been here. It was natural for superstitious nations to expect that this was the vengeance of a god brought upon Paul because no doubt he was a murderer. Having escaped from the wreck, Paul could not escape from the sword of divine justice, and the goddess of justice, Nemesis, the avenger, suffered him not to live. With perfect composure, doubtless arising from God's promises that Christ had made to his servants (Mark 16:18; Luke 10:19), and also the promises that he should preach the gospel in Rome, Paul shook the viper from his wrist. They then changed their minds, thinking that he must be a god (see Acts 14:8-19).

No reference is made to Paul's preaching, though, of course, that is taken for granted.

His words and deeds went along with his preaching. They honored him with many honors, and loaded them with such things as were necessary, such as clothing and provisions, not of necessity, but out of kindness and love.

Service is one of the ways by which we can show to the world our life of faith.

Note also how these soldiers and sailors also profited by the life of service which Paul rendered.

CANFIELD'S ADVENTURE

By LOUISE OLIVER.

On rounding a curve of the beach, young Canfield spied a tent and on the other side a thin column of smoke. His breath came in quick gasps, signifying that he had been sprinting for some distance.

"Thank goodness!" he wheezed. "I'll get the fisherman to help me hunt." But on the other side of the tent he found, instead of an old salt, a girl frying bacon in a long-handled skillet. "I—beg your pardon," gasped Canfield, "but did you see an elephant go along this way?"

The girl turned and regarded him seriously. "I don't remember," she answered. "Perhaps I did. I may have, but you see, so many elephants go by early in the morning that I really don't notice them particularly. Was your elephant any special kind—pink or striped or something like that?"

Canfield laughed and the girl, putting down her pan, laughed too. "Really I've never heard of anything so funny. How on earth did you happen to lose an elephant? How, in the first place, did you happen to have him at all?"

"Just because I'm a silly ass! Van Kleek and I were motoring through a village near here and it happened to be circus day. It seems business had been bad and while we were having lunch at the hotel we heard that the whole outfit was being sold by the sheriff. Van Kleek and I hurried over and he dared me to buy the trick elephant. I got him for twenty-five dollars. And then some Imp out of Hades put another notion into Van's head. 'I'll bet you five thousand dollars,' said he, 'that you're not game to ride the rest of the way on this peanut-eating beast into the borough of Manhattan and up Fifth avenue to—' Canfield stopped in confusion.

"To where?" she demanded. "To a friend of mine," he finished evasively.

"May I help you hunt?" "Nothing I'd like better." His face lighted up instantly.

Suddenly he gave a whoop. "Look here, quick! Here are his tracks, about as big as a wash tub! Come on! Up this way. Let's hurry!"

They followed the trail up the beach, then across a grassy swamp to a grove of young saplings.

"I believe I hear him," he whispered. There was a crashing among the trees. "Mercy, I'm getting terribly frightened. I wish I hadn't come."

He reached for her hand and held on to it. "Now listen. He won't hurt us if we just keep still. He's used to people. Pick 'em up and carries them all around in the circus. If he spies us let him alone and see what he'll do."

Sure enough the elephant came their way. The girl gripped Canfield's hand hard, but she didn't make a sound. The animal, seeing them, cantered up and stopped. Then gently he wrapped his trunk around Canfield's companion, lifted her over his head and set her carefully in the gilded box on his back. Then Canfield, too, felt himself lifted off his feet and the next instant he was beside the girl.

"Well, this is what I call homelike," exclaimed Canfield. "If we'd only brought some of that bacon. I'm hungry as a bear."

"Where do you suppose he's going?" cried the girl, for the elephant had started off toward the road at a gentle lope.

"Let us hope to the Bronx Zoo. Any place toward civilization and food." He had forgotten that he was to present himself at the door of a certain lady. He turned and took a good look at the girl beside him, slim and graceful in a blue sweater suit, her light brown hair blowing in little curls around her ears and forehead, and the flush of exercise and excitement in her cheeks. She was very, very pretty! His hand still tingled where she had touched it. She raised her eyes suddenly as if to speak, then, seeing his own upon her, she dropped them, flushed a deep red and was silent.

"What were you going to say?" he asked.

"I'll tell you some time again. You are going to be very, very angry when I tell you, so I'd rather postpone it."

"Promise to tell me some time." "Yes. Look. Here's a car." "Van Kleek! And somebody with him!"

The car stopped, and strange to say, the elephant stopped, too. Van Kleek's companion got out and slipped a chain on the elephant's legs.

"Hello, Rusty, old boy!" said the man.

"Thank heaven, you're safe," called Van Kleek. "I worried over that fool bet till I couldn't sleep. Come on down out of that. You've won! Let his owner take him, for goodness' sake." Then Canfield heard the girl give a queer little click with her tongue. The elephant reached up with his trunk, took her gently around the body and set her on the ground. Then he did the same with Canfield.

"Sort of a family reunion, isn't it, father," said the girl, leaning her head against the man's arm and looking mischievously at Canfield out of the corners of her eyes. "Let's all go down to my tent and have breakfast."

"I second the motion," assented Canfield, when he found his voice. "Van Kleek make that five thousand dollars over to our friend here, will you, and let him buy back his circus."

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To Live Long!

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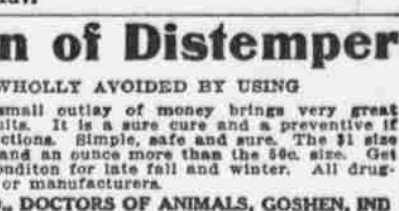
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